

Appl. No. 10/708,277
Amdt. dated May 16, 2006
Reply to Office action of February 08, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Objection to the disclosure

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: in numbered paragraph 0029, line 13, "ananalysis" should be changed to --an analysis--. In claim 17, line 3, "playing" should be changed to --displaying--.

Response:

Paragraph 0029 of the specification and claim 17 have both been amended to correct these informalities. Acceptance of the amended specification and claims is respectfully requested.

2. Claims 2-6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 17, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Response:

Claims 2-6, 8-10, 12-13, 17, and 19-20 have been amended to correct the indefinite claim language. All errors were made without deceptive intent, and the applicant regrets any confusion resulting from the indefinite claim language.

3. Claims 1, 3-8, 10-16, 18, 19, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over La et al. (US 5,761,064, hereinafter referred to as La).

Response:

Independent claim 1 has been amended to overcome this rejection. Claim 1 now includes the limitations previously found in claim 2, and claim 2 has been subsequently cancelled. No new matter is added through this amendment. Claim 2 had been indicated as being allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections Therefore claim 1 should now

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be in allowable form.

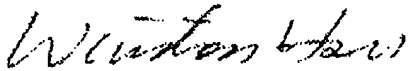
Furthermore, the present invention makes use of a computer system to display information related to wafer manufacturing such as process and yield tests, statistics, and analysis. On the other hand, La only teaches analyzing wafer defects, and allowing users to pinpoint the cause of defects.

Claims 3-20 are dependent on claim 1, and should be allowed if claim 1 is allowed. Reconsideration of claims 1 and 3-20 is respectfully requested.

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In view of the above amendments to the claims, the applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

15 Sincerely yours,



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